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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S CHALLENGE CENTER FOR SPACE SCIENCE

SEPTEMBER 29 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 24), 1986.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. DANFORTH, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S.J. Res. 336]

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to which was referred the resolution (S.J. Res. 336) to express the sense of Congress on recognition of the contributions of the seven *Challenger* astronauts by supporting establishment of a Children's Challenge Center for Space Science, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the resolution do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTION

The purpose of this resolution is to express the sense of Congress in recognition of the contributions of the seven *Challenger* astronauts by supporting establishment of a Children's Challenge Center for Space Science at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On April 9, 1986, Senators Garn and Glenn introduced S.J. Res. 336, which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. The Committee did not hold hearings on the measure.

On July 23, 1986, the Committee ordered S.J. Res. 336 to be reported, without objection.

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COMMITTEE COMMENTS

On January 28, 1986, the Nation and the civilian space program suffered a catastrophic blow with the explosion of the shuttle *Challenger* and the loss of its seven dedicated crew members—Francis Scobee, Michael Smith, Judith Resnik, Ellison Onizuka, Gregory Jarvis, Ronald McNair, and Christa McAuliffe. Since that tragic day, the Nation and this Committee have been searching for an appropriate tribute to our pioneers in space. Recognizing the devotion and dedication of each of the crew members to education and realizing that Mission 51-L was dedicated to the Teacher in Space program and the education of our youth, the Committee endorses the Children's Challenge Center for Space Science as a tribute to the shuttle crew. The Committee is pleased that the *Challenger* astronauts' families strongly support the creation of a Children's Challenge Center.

Since the Committee ordered reported this resolution, it has been advised that the Foundation is seriously considering locating the new Center at Washington Dulles Airport in conjunction with the new Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, rather than at the Johnston Space Center. Although the Committee was impressed with the original proposal and the willingness of the Johnson Space Center to support this activity, it fully recognizes the right of the Foundation to make the final site selection. Regardless of the final site, the Committee strongly supports the concept of the Children's Challenge Center as a living memorial to the crew of the shuttle *Challenger.*

ESTIMATED COSTS

In accordance with paragraph 11(a) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee provides the following cost estimate, prepared by the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 23, 1986.

Hon. JOHN C. DANFORTH,
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, U.S. Senate, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed S.J. Res. 336, a joint resolution to express the sense of Congress on recognition of the contributions of the seven Challenger astronauts by supporting establishment of a Children's Challenge Center for Space Science, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, July 23, 1986.

CBO estimates that enactment of this joint resolution would result in no cost to the federal government or to state or local governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RUDOLPH G. PENNER, *Director.*

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee has concluded that this resolution would have no regulatory impact on individuals or businesses and no effect on individual privacy.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

S.J. Res. 336 encourages the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Federal Government, public and private organizations, and persons to cooperate in the establishment of a Children's Challenge Center for Space Science at the Johnson Space Center. The Center is to be a living memorial to the seven *Challenger* astronauts who died on January 28, 1986, serving their country and to others who gave their lives in exploration of the space frontier.

The Center would be operated by a private foundation, the Children's Challenge Foundation, and would be open to the public free of charge. There would be seven exhibit rooms at the Center, each dedicated to the specific disciplines represented by the crew members of the *Challenger*.

The Center is to be built and operated with private donations and would be a "hands on" children's museum and learning center.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee states that the resolution as reported would make no change in existing law.

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